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SUBJECT: REPORTED ISRAELI PROPOSAL TO EGYPT

1. HAARETZ RESPECTED AND USUALLY RELIABLE COMMENTATOR AVRAHAM SCHWEITZER, CLAIMING TO KNOW BHOUT NPIS FROM DEEP BACKGROUNDER WHICH HE SAID MRS MEIR AND DAYAN HAD BEEN GIVING TO SELECTION OF ISRAELI EDITORIS OVER PAST FEW DAYS. TOLD US OCT 29 THAT GENERAL YARIV GAVE ISRAELI PROPOSAL TO EGYPTIAN GENERAL AT THEIR EARLY MORNING MEETING OCT 28. ACCORDING TO SCHWEITZERBN PROPOSAL AMONG OTHER THINGS (WHICH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) WAS FOR ISRAELI FORCES TO BE PULLED BACK EAST OF CANAL AND EGYPTIAN FORCES TO BE PULLED BACK WEST OF CANAL FORTHWITH.

2 SCHWEITZER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ALLON IN MAKING PUBLIC THE WILLINGNESS OF GOI TO MOVE INTO SUCH ARRANGEMENT DURING HIS TV INTERVIEW OCT 27 (TEL AVIV 8714) MAY HAVE HUROU PROSPECTS OF GOE AGREEMENT. WE NOTED TO SCHWEITZER THAT ALLOFSHAD ALSO SAID, CONCERNING GOE PSYCHOLOGICAL NEED TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE EAST OF CANAL, THAT HE "WOULD BE WILLING FOR US TO RELATE TO THIS WITH SUFFICIENT TOLERANCE SO LONG AS WE DO GET TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. SCHWEITZER STATED HE BELIEVD THAT PROPOSAL GIVEN EGYPTTIANS BY YARIV CONTAINED SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES.

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3. SCHWEITZER VOICED OPINION THAT GOI FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASON BADLY NEEDS FOR USG TO PRODUCE EGYPTIANA AGREEMENT RAPIDLY ON SOME PACKAGE THAT WILL MOVE SITUATION FORWARD. PACKAGE COULD CONTAIN VIRTUALLY ANYTHING SHORT OF ISRAELI

COMMITMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-JUNE 1967 LINES. IT
WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE PROGRESS ON POW ISSUE. SCHWEITZER
SAID THAT GOI OVER PAST TWO DAYS HAD NOT ONLY PERMITTED BUT
HAD EVEN ENCOURAGED MUSHROOMING OF EMOTION IN ISRAEL (SEPTEL)
OVER POWE ISSUE AND ISRAEL'S ALLEGED SUBMISSION TO US
PRESSURE FOR ONE-TIME RELIEF CONVOY TO THIRD EGYPTIAN
ARMY. PURPOSE ACCORDING TO SCHWEITZER WAS NOT AT ALL
TO AROUSE ANTI-US FEELING IN ISRAEL, BUT TO PUT PRESSURE ON
US TO START PRODUCING IN CAIRO.

4. ABOVE FITS WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING TODAY FROM
AMERICAN JOURNALISTS.
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